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## Residents Encouraged to Attend Informational Meeting About the US 278 Widening - Jenkins Island Improvements Project

Beaufort County is hosting a public information meeting to discuss the US 278 Widening - Jenkins Island improvements project on Tuesday, May 23. The meeting will be held at [Hilton Head Island High School, 70 Wilborn Road](#).

There will be an open house format beginning at 5 p.m. with large maps and project display boards available for viewing until 7 p.m. The project team will make a brief, formal presentation at 6 p.m.

The project consists of widening US 278 to six lanes along with the proposed installation of traffic signals and median U-turn operations at the intersections of [Blue Heron Point Road](#) and just east of [Jenkins Island Road](#).

According to Colin Kinton, the County's Traffic and Transportation Engineer, this is a highly-congested, high-volume area of traffic as motorists make their way to and from Hilton Head Island, whether on vacation or a normal route. There are currently three median crossovers on the mile-long stretch of U.S. 278 on Jenkins Island, at [Blue Heron Point Road](#), [Crosstree Drive](#) and [Jenkins Island Road](#). Drivers can make left turns to U.S. 278 west at Blue Heron Point and Crosstree, but they are extremely difficult to maneuver given the heavy traffic flow and congestion.

"The purpose of the project is to improve operational efficiency along US 278, while also providing safe and efficient access to local communities with minimum disruption to through traffic. Attending this meeting is a great way for residents to provide feedback and learn about the project overview and proposed design," Kinton said.

Beaufort County is committed to working closely with the local community to communicate openly, provide project updates, solicit feedback and address concerns throughout the project process. For more information, contact the [Beaufort County Traffic and Transportation Engineering Department](#) at 843-255-2940.